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Applicants: Raymond Gerard St. LOUIS et al.

Serial No.: 10/015,935

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Title: SEPARATED TARGETED ELASTIC ZONE FOR  
IMPROVED PROCESS AND PRODUCT  
FUNCTION

Group No.: 3761

**TRANSMITTAL OF SUBSTITUTE DRAWINGS IN  
COMPLIANCE WITH 37 CFR 1.84**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find eighteen (18) sheets of substitute drawings (Figs.  
1-4, 5A, 5B, 6-12, 13A-13E, 14, 15A-15D, 16, 17A, 17B, 18A-18C, 19, 20A and  
20B) for the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

**Box MISSING PARTS**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed  
10 January 2002, we have enclosed the items listed below.

- Executed combined Oath or Declaration, Power of Attorney and  
Petition (4 pages)

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- First Information Disclosure Statement, together with Form PTO-1449, four (4) pages, and with copies of each and every cited reference
- Transmittal of Substitute Drawings in Compliance with 37 CFR 1.84, including eighteen (18) sheets of substitute drawings (Figs. 1-4, 5A, 5B, 6-12, 13A-13E, 14, 15A-15D, 16, 17A, 17B, 18A-18C, 19, 20A and 20B)
- A check in the amount of \$1,650.00 for the filing fee and surcharge for late filing of the executed oath or declaration
- A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application
- Return Receipt Postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3550. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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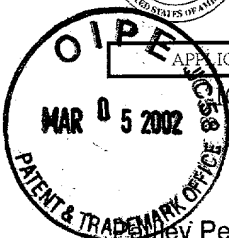
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$780.
  - \$612 for 34 total claims over 20.
  - \$168 for 2 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1650.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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